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**Attn: Mail Stop RCE**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No.: 09/675,650; Filed: September 29, 2000  
For: **PCA3 Messenger RNA Species in Benign and Malignant Prostate  
Tissues**  
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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated August 23, 2005, transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Request for Continued Examination Transmittal (RCE);
2. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114;
3. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
4. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of **\$455.00** to cover RCE fee and One (1) month Extension of Time fee; and
5. One (1) return postcard.

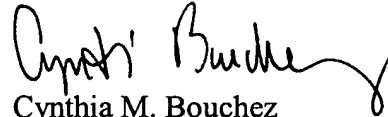
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